REMEMBER THE POOR.

Work of Preparation.

Don't Forget Those Who Have No Mes of Their Own-Additional Musical Programmes.

There is nothing new in Christmas yet Christmas is always new. To the young each recurrence of the anniversary s another chapter of pleasure, another chapter of bright anticipations realized. In the festival the old renew their youth

and live in the past. The present Christmas will be celebrated under conditions such as have not existed in years. It has been a long time since of poverty and of suffering was known in this community, and even those who are counted tolerably well-to-do have for months been compelled to practice rigid economy. Yet the spirit of Christmas is abroad and is showing itself

ns of old In the matter of buying Christman presents this is apparent to any one who has been upon Broad street during the last few evenings. Every one who can afford it is buying something, and while the trade is in large part in the smaller articles, it is evident that the gift-making custom will be as general as usual.

THE SOCIAL FEATURES. As a rule the social features of the occasion will not be on as extensive a scale as has generally been the case, but the entertainments will not be much fewer home-comings will, as ever, mark the day. About dark Friday and yesterday afternoon it was almost impossi ble to elbow one's way in many of the stores on the hill, and the sidewalks were thronged with hurrying men, women and children laden with bundles. It was the old, old scene of beaming faces and carnest purpose of making others happy At the post-office the report was that the holiday business had not been as heavy as last year, though it had picked up considerably during the past two days. At the express-coffice, however, it was said that up to date the business was as heavy as during any previous hollday. This applied to both receiving and ship-ping, and extra preparations had been

ring, and extra preparations had been made for a great rush.
The several hotels will give their usual Christmas dinners to their guests and friends, and at the charitable institutions the effort will be to make the anniversary a grean spot in the lives of

A number of persons have signified their intention of carrying out the suggestion of the Dispatch in respect of Christmas turkeys for the poor, and those who do so will eat their own turkey with a greater relish. From what can be learned there will be a great deal of let charity this Christmas, for those persons, and that there are other house-holds in which actual want holds sway are facts that have been brought to their by the press, the pulpit, the charitable associations, and personal ob-servation. These facts no man can ig-more unless he is insensible to the true meaning and the real lessons of the

The Christmas music in the churches will be very fine. The programmes for the Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and some of the Methodist churches will be rendered on Christmas-day; those for the other churches, for which special pro-grammes have been arranged, will be given to-day or next Sunday.

On Tuesday last the Dispatch printed

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. There will be morning prayer and holy be as follows: Opening anthem, "O! Zion.
That Bringest Good tidings" (John
Stainer); Venite in E flat (Dudley Buck); Gloria Patri in B flat (Danks); Te Deun Gloria Patri in B flat (Danks); Te Deum in F (Danks); Jubilate Deo, in D (Danks); Hymn 51, "Hark! the Herald Angels Eing" (Mendelssohn); Gloria Tibl in E flat (John Stainer); Hymn 57, "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn" (C. F. Roper); Gloria in Excelsia, in E flat (Dudley Buck); offertory anthem, "The Angel Gabriel Was Sent From God" (Henry

Mr. H. H. Preeman is organist and choirmaster. The choir will be augmented by a double quartette Christmas, as fol-lows: Miss Nelle Rogers and Miss Mary Hopkins, sopranos; Mrs. J. R. Durret and Mrs. H. H. Freeman, contraltos; Mr Walter Montgomery and Mr. Haddon Watkins, tenors; Mr. H. T. Cardoza and Mr. Oscar Lohman, bassos. On Sunday after Christmas the music

will be rendered by a chorus-choir of ne fifteen voices, including the regular quartette.

ST. MARK'S.

Voluntary, Christmas anthem, "And There Were Shepherds" (H. P. Danks), St. Mark's choir; Hymn 57 (Hutchin); Venite in B flat (Lofge); Glorias—(a) old tune from Common Praise, (b) Fairlamb's Benedictus, (c) Williams's Jubilate; Te Deum (Marsh); Lenedictus in C (Fairlamb); Hymn 58 (Hutchin); Gloria Tibi (Paxton); offertory, "Holy Redeemer," Mrs. Butler; Sanctus (Taylor); Communion Hymn, and cleans, with Gloria in Exn, and closing with Gloria in Ex-

Mr. E. L. Taylor, tenor; Mr. E. L. Lind-ay, basso; Organisi, Miss Minnie Dashiell; choir-master, Mr. Parker Dashiell. PARK-PLACE METHODIST EPISCO

PAL CHURCH (TO-DAY). Voluntary, "Glory to God, Most High." (Loud) chair: Hymn No. 73; sentence, "The Heavens are Decearing," (Beethoven) choir; Gloria Patria; Hymn No. 72; offer tory, "He Shall Reign Forever," (Simper) choir; Hymn No. 68; pertlude, March Tri-umphant," (Vincent) organ, Voluntary, Christmas Pastorale (Wermann) organ; Hymn No. 67; sentence, "The Heavens are Declaring," (Reethoven) choir; Hymn No. 60; offertory, "Arise! Shine! for Thy Light is Come," (Holden) choir; Hymn No. 71; postiuce, organ. Choir: Mrs. R. E. Michaels, soprano

ton, bass; assisted by Misses Julia Bowle, Matie Davis, Bessie Haley, Edna Blanton, Inez Welsiger, Bernice Hillsman Maggle Curly, Mrs. H. S. Winston, and Messrs Pores, and U. O. Michaels. W Reginald Welker, org.nist.

SECOND BAPTIST (TO-DAY). Morning service: Voluntary, "We Have Seen His Star in the East," (Simper); Doxology: Lord's Prayer; first hymn. Doxology; Lord's Prayer; first hymn, "Joy to the World"; Scriptures; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," (Holden); Scriptures; second hymn, "O, Wake Our Hearts"; offertory, Te Deum in b minor, Gluck); third hymn, "Hail! Thou Long-Expected Jeaus"; processional, Hallelujah

Evening service: Voluntary, "Holy

Evening service: Voluntary, "Holy Night," (Barnby); first hymn; Scriptures; carol, "O. Night, Peaceful and Blest"; second hymn, third hymn.

Choir—Soprano, Miss Eilie Frayser; alto, Mrs. Robert Loockerman; tenor, Mr. Walter C. Mercer; bass, Mr. Charles Eubank and Professor R. E. Gaines. The regular choir will be assisted by a chorus of sixteen voices. Director, Mr. Walter C. Mercer; organist, Mr. Herbert Reese. GRACE-STREET BAPTIST NEXT SUNDAY. DAY

Morning: Anthem, "Christians, Awake," (Marsh); festival, Te Deum in G. (Buck); anthem, "Jesus, Saviour of My Soul," (Streacher).

will render various musical selections. The cysters for the dinner were a contribution from Pickett-Buchanan Camp. Confederate Veterans, of Norfolk, and the milk by the Richmond Cream, Butter and Milk Company, of this city.

The Westmoreland Club will have their usual reception for the members Christmas-eve. The supper will be spread in the billiard-room.

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The Commonwealth Club will keep open house Christmas-day.

There will be a Christmas dinner at the Retreat for the Sick. The inmates of the almshouse and the jail will be given special dinners.

FINE CHRISTMAS MARKET.

The market-houses of Richmond tool The market-houses of Richmond took on a typical Christmas appearance yesterday. They flooded with all sorts of good things to eat, embracing almost every delicacy that is seen here at this season. Turkeys and fowls of all kinds were on hand in the greatest abundance, and the fish- and oyster-stands contained very large stocks of almost every variety of these popular articles of food. There was also a proportionate quantity of fruit and vegetables at the markets, and the produce feature was by no means behind the others. Prices for nearly all the meats, for butter, eggs, and fruits. the meats, for butter, eggs, and fruits, were remarkably low, and the probability is that everybody will be enabled to get a nice Christmas dinner to-morrow at a very small cost.

AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY. To the employees of the American To-acco Company in this city Christmas is always a joyous season. Never do the proprietors permit the closing festival of the year to pass without making to their employees munificent gifts. This year was no exception to the rule, except that the gifts were of even more magnitude than those of previous Christmases. Yesterday Mr. John Pope made a circuit of the factories, and, after he had made a sch of thanks to the men, wo men, and children, thanking them for the faithfulness with which they had per-formed their duties during the year, the

manager of each department began the distribution of presents. The ceremonies at the Kinney Branch were decidedly the most interesting. Here, were decidedly the most interesting. Here, in a lower room, were spread out on tables 450 turkeys, ranging in weight from 8 to 20 pounds. Each turkey was numbered, and corresponding numbers were placed in a box, from which the colored employees—every one in the factory—were permitted to draw. The turkey in each case which corresponded with the number drawn by the employee was pre-sented to the holder. Just before this, Mr. room, and asked them to sing for him. This they do with a will, and such nelody is sellom heard. The good-natured managing-director then offered three crisp, new dollars for the three best singers, and this spurred the melodious ones to do their best, and the music they made would have caused almost any

trained chorus to blush for shame.

To the white employees of the department boxes of candy, in each of which was placed an amount of money, were With each gift was the following letter, signed by the manager of the de-partments: "Enclosed we hand you a Christmas-gift, asking that you accept

"We trust that in the year to come we shall have the pleasure and satisfaction of finding you interested and doing good work, and that our association may be mutually agreeable and beneficial. Wishing you the compliments of the season,

we are, yours truly.

As soon as the exercises were over, the operatives were paid off, and given a hair-holiday.

The principals and teachers in the public schools were, as usual, the recipients of many handsome presents. Mr. Julian P. Thomas, principal of the High School, was given a revolving bookcase by teachers, a dictionary-rest by the girls, and a gold-headed umbrella by the boys. All were very handsome. Mr. James C. Harwood, the ausistant principal, received a handsome rocking-chair from the boys a Morocco copy of Shakespeare from his class, and several smaller presents. As there was no regular assembly on Fri

school were full of interest, and the friends and patrons who assembled to were either recitations or songs by Blanch Kaufmann, Anna Lecky, Jessie Williams, John Gressitt, Wens Newman, Minnie Witte, Lena Miller, Etta Samuels, Annie Trayler, Emily Biake, and Emy Hartung. The programme concluded with "Mother

the School Board, dropped in during the the school made a happy 46dress to the teachers and scholars. The school pre-sented Mr. Morrissette with a very handsome banquet-lamp and stand combined, and he received a number of individual presents. There was a general exchange of the compliments of the season between the teachers and scholars.

NOTES OF THE SEASON. Thursday evening Mr. George Harrison,

at his residence, No. 112 south Third street, gave a card party and wine supper to the clerks of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

pany of Virginia.

Among those who gathered around the tables were Messrs, C. S. Hunt, A. S. Hunt, George Harrison, M. C. Gilliam, W. A. Jenkins, H. B. Lewis, Dr. F. W. Allen George Bott, G. E. Wilkes, James Tyler, Tom Wallace, T. M. Hobson, and W. S. Daughtrey.

Friday evening the congregation of the Third Presbyterian church give their be-loved pastor, Rev. Mr. Gammon, a pound party. The contributions were bountiful arry. The contributions were bountful ind the larder was well stocked. Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. E. Harding, uperintendent of the Metropolitan Life

surance Company, presented each of his cal agents with a Christmas present. Before doing so he made them an address. thanking them for their fidelity and effiturkeys and the single ones neckwear.

The Christmas fund of the Postal Telenoon, and each boy received \$11.57. L. B. Beazley and John Angle, who collected the funds, were given \$5 extra. The boys desire to return their thanks to all who contributed to the fund, and wish a merry Christmas to all.

AMONG THE SECRET ORDERS. News About Odd-Fellows and Masons Personal Mention, Etc.

On Christmas night, Richmond Commandery, No. 2, will have its regular meeting and confer the Order of the Temple. At this assembly the toast of the Grand Master will be telegraphed, but not drunk. Eminent-Commander Cunningham does not approve of liquor at his commandery; hence, there will be no spirits, even for Christmas teasts. The Commandery of St. Andrew will meet at noon for the same purpose.

Lafayette Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, elected and appointed the following of-ficers on Thursday night last: Young Jones, high priest; B. M. Jacobs, king: Jones, high press; B. al. Jacobs, and, R. Fuller Patterson, scribe; R. E. Macomber, treasurer; S. B. Jacobs, secretary; L. T. Christian, captain of host; L. F. Mason, principal sojourner; J. W. Anderson, royal arch captain; Revo. Preston Nash, Aaron Jones, chaplains; D. B. Collins, ther; William Krause, steward. The remaining officers will be appointed at the next convocation of the chapter. Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 297, mests to-morrow night at 7 o'clock, Being Christmas-eve, there will be no work, but the members will proceed in a body at 7.45 o'clock to pay their respects to Grand-Secretary Isaacs at his residence, or Emphilications.

on Franklin street, Richmond Conclave No. 162, Improved Order Heptasophs, has elected the fol-

Morning: Anthem, "Christians, Awake."
(Marsh): festival, Te Deum in G. (Buck):
anthem, "Jesus, Saviour of My Soul,"
(Streacher).
Evening: Gloria in Excelcis, (Buck):
Cantique de Noel, (Adam): Magnificat,
(Barnaby).
Director and organist, Mr. E. L. Justis,
Quariette—Miss Hopkins, soprano; Miss
Mr. Vivian Farrar, bass,
LITTLE SISTERS POUND PARTY.
The friends of that devoted band of
Sisters of the Poor-and their friends empound party for their benefit; or, rather,
the benefit of those dependent upon the
suit will be an accumulation of supplies
On Christmas-day dinner at Lee-Camp
Soldiers' Home will be served at 4
o'clock. Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., who

MODEL XMAS DINNER

Suggestions on this Line that Housekeepers will Appreciate.

HOW TO HAVE THE TABLE.

Dishes-How to Decorate Your Homes. The Day's True Lessons.

announces in a recent bulletin that "We eat too much." which is certainly apt to be the case at this season, but then, Christmas come but once a year, and this is an excuse for gratifying the palate little more than is good for us. The brain of every good housekeeper

is puzzled just now about what to have for dinner Christmas-day. All of then want to have more inviting feasts than they ever had before and they will do it, too, as far as their means will allow Mrs. Clement Carrington McPhail, authoress of the excellent F. F. V. Receipt-Book, has, at our request, prepared a menu which, if followed, will insure good Christmas dinner.

TABLE DECORATIONS. But first, observe how the table should

e arranged and decorated: Cover the table with the finest satin damask cloth, of snowy whiteness, have the decorations all in red. Broad bands of cerise satin ribbon extending th length of the table, finished at the corners in full bows (butterfly shape). Adorn the centre with a mound of roses, cerise shade. Candelabras, either silver or glass with red candles and shades the same in color-cerise satin ribbon festooned in long full loops from the chandelier is very effective. All the accessories must be in cerise red, punch or sorbet served in cerise paper roses or glasses tied with cerise ribbon, bon-bons in red. Guest cards should be ornamented with sprigs of holly berries, handpainted. The din room can be beautified with garlands evergreens and large balls of holly berries "imported" from West Brook, Laburnum, Westwood, and Brook Hill the lovel-country seats of Messrs. Lewis Ginter Mrs. John Stewart "within a mile of our town." We should appreciate the advantage we have over our New York friends, who seem obliged to send to "England" for their "Holly" day decor-ation. Utilize also big bunches of mistle-toe, tied with cerise ribbon. Enshrine the bay-window, if you happen to have one, in a Christmas-tree, lighted with cerise tapers, and laden with souvenirs for each guest, and the members of the household. Don't let the "Yuletide log," sup-ported by the brass andirons of "ye older imes" be forgotten, or much will be acking in making the occasion complete.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU. Then have the following as the menu

Christmas dinner:
Oysters on half-shell (Sauterne).
Clear soup (Amontillade).
Boiled white wish, anchovy sauce Potato balls, (Chateaux La Rose)
Vols-au-Vent, sweet bread.
Fillet of beef, mushroom sauce
(Champagne) Roman punch
Turkey, with garniture of chestnuts French peas. Diamond-back terrapin,

Wine wafers (Pommery Sec) Wild duck, currant jelly sauce.
Hominy (Clos Vougeot)
Artichoke salad. Celery, green clives, saited almonds, served during dinner, Nesselrede pudding.
Wine jelly, whipped cream.
Charlottes Pusse (in red case) Black cake-fruit.

Roquefort cheese-waferettes. Cafe Noir Maraschino-Green Chartreuse McPhall also permitted the Dispatch to copy from her book the fol-lowing recipes, all contributed by well-known lades, for preparing seasonable

FROZEN PUDDING (Simple)-Beat the

yelks of ten eggs with one pound of sugar; add one quart of whipped cream, seasoned with vanilla; fill your tin pudding-mould, and bury it in plenty of ice and salt; let stand for four hours. PUDDING (Hot)-One pound of muscatel raisins, one and three fourths pounds of currants, one pound citron, two pounds seeded raisins, two pounds bread crumbs, sixteen eggs (beaten ssparately), two pounds finely-chopped suct, rind of two lemons, one ounce of grated nutneg, one ounce cin-namon, half pent of French brandy; cut up your raisins, but do not chop them; wash and dry the currants, mix the ingredlents well together, and moisten with the eggs; stir in the brandy, and when all is well mixed rut it in a floured bag made stout cloth, tie it up tightly, leaving nough room for it to swell, and boil it eight hours. Serve with brandy sauce and have blanched almonds stuck thickly ver it, and send to table blazing. NESSELRODE PUDDING-Four dozen chestnuts (Spanish are the best), one chestnuts (Spanish are the best), one bound of sugar, one pint of cream, yelks of one dozen eggs, one claret glass of maraschino, two ounces candled fruit, two ounces seedless rasin., two of citron; season with vanilla, blanch, and ound the chestnuts smooth with a little the eggs. Stir the mixture over a slow fire until the eggs begin to thicken; let it cool before putting it into the freezer; add the fruit and maraschino; freeze

ANCHOVY SAUCE-Soak one dozen anchovies in cold water for three hours; shred them, and simmer them for half an hour in fust enough water to cover butter; boll for five minutes; add two wineglasses of pale sherry, and stew for five minutes longer. CURRANT JELLY SAUCE—Currant jelly made hot, and little lemon juice

queezed in it.
MUSHROOM SAUCE-Half a can of mushrooms; stew until tender; draw off the water and add quarter of a pound of butter, half a pint of cream, two tea-spoonsful of flour, little nutmeg, and sait, and pepper; stew all until it begins

VOLS AU VENT (Sweet-Breads)—Parboil and skin sweet-breads; cut them into small pleces; add rich cream, butter, sait, pepper, and a little nutmeg; stew for five minutes, and serve in individuals. Mushrooms are an improvement to them.
ARTICHOKE SALAD-Boil the artichokes in little vinegar and water until tender; set them on ice; when cold, cut into halves, or, if small, serve whole on their leaves, in individuals, with a rich mayonnaise, or French diressing, as you prefer.

GARNITURE OF CHESTNUTS—One

TO MAKE EGGNOG.

As eggnog is the favorite Christmas beverage the Dispatch reproduces the re-cipe furnished the F. F. V. by Dr. Hunter McGuire for the preparation of this delicious drink:
"One dozen eggs, beaten separately; one quart of French brandy, one pint of Jamaica rum, beat the yolks of the eggs

very light with one pound of sugar; then add the liquor a little at a time, stirring constantly; beat the whites very stiff, and mix nearly all with the yolks, leaving out a little to put on top of bowl; lastly, add six pints of cream; grate a little nutmeg on top before serving."

CHRISTMAS-DAY DECORATIONS. The Holly-Berry and the Mistletoe Talked

Of by Miss Newton. (Written for the Dispatch, by request.) Christmas-day stands alone! great merry-making day, but the great

great merry-making day, but the great love day of the year.

As the seasons roll around, each one in its turn finds men, women, and children busily employed at getting—getting fortune, or knowledge, or fame, or pleasure, or, it may be, only a fiving—but when Christmas-tide comes, for one brief, shining, blessed day, the world stops getting, and turns with equal energy and earnestness to giving; stops working, and gives itself over to loving!

As the year has no other day like to this pearl of holy days and of holidays, so there is no other day celebrated in anything like the same way. Even the decorations are unique, and belong to

Christmas only. At all other times and seasons the blossoms of the field and of the hot-house are in order, but on this one royal feast-day, and this alone, no flower garden need be despoiled. As at Yuletide in the simple olden time "The mistletoe hung in the castle hall, The holly branch shone on the old oak wall,"

REFUSED TO ACCEPT.

Bernard and Seawell Declined the Goy-ernor's annointment

so, in these new times, we still go direct to the woods for spicy greens and gleam-ing red and white berries, seeming to say, with Shakespeare, "At Christmas I no more desire a rose Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled

There is, however, yet another kind of decoration even more indispensable upon this great love-day than cedar and holly this great love-day than cedar and holly and mistletoe, and without which it is impossible to "keep" Christmas in meet fashion—a decoration as easily within reach of the cottage as of the palace, only dwellers in both sometimes forget it, and when they do merry Christmas becomes a miserable failure, though no one can tell exactly why. In Dickena's perfect story, "The Christmas Carol," this decoration was not omitted in the setting of Rob. Crackity, table were setting of Bob Crackit's table, upon which, thus adorned, was spread the most beautifully-garnished Christmas feast on

The plum-pudding was doubtless a jolly enough sight to behold, blazing in ignited brandy, and "bedight with Christmas bolly stuck into the top," but the goodliest sight of all, the crowning ornament of the delightful dinner, was the good cheer that beamed from the circle of happy faces that gathered around it. No festoon will ever be twined to grace feative board so levely as that. The wisest of men has said: "He that hath a continual feast," and "a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance." With the radiance from such a countenance, or, what is better, a circle of such coun-tenances, no waxen light or rose-hooded nfluence holly-herries takes on a redder influence holly-berries takes on a redder, saucier twinkle, cedars grow greener, the firelight dances merrier, and hearts beat cheerier. It was this that imparted to Bob Crackit's smoking goose and pudding a flavor which would have put eastern spices to the blush. To make the home beautiful with this most enchanting of decorations all that is needed is to cherish the kindly spirit of the immortal Bob's immortal toast: "A merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us." MARY MANN PAGE NEWTON.

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS LESSON.

Mrs. Stephen Putney Writes What the Day Should Teach Children.

Although Christmas is called the child's peculiar holiday, yet we often fall to let the little ones receive the highest good the season bestows. The attitude of the children of the present day is chiefly that of receiver and not giver, thus losing the greater pleasure. If they are the greater pleasure. If they are taught to save their money weeks before in order to have something of their very own to give, the pleasure of Christmas would be greatly enhanced, to say nothing of the spirit of self-denial thus early inculcated. How frequently we want the children to be happy in our way; all knowledge of presents and preparations kept from them until Christmand the children to be happy in the children to be happy in our way; all knowledge of presents and preparations kept from them until Christmand the children to be happy in the childre parations kept from them until Christmas arrives; how many dear little tots are made positively unhappy by being told: "Now, run away, and don't bother, for I am busy making Christmas things." They feel entirely left out, yet things." They feel entirely left out, yet can be made so happy by being allowed to help, or, rather, to think they are so doing. A little chap of 6 was lending a hand in making cornucoplas, and in the midst of it he jumped up, saying: "Oh, I am so happy; I want to sing and dance a jig!" He was far happier then than when receiving a present from the wiendly tree. Let them feel they have

fore Yuletide arrives.
This is the time above all others when we can, by pleasant stories and lovely pictures, implant in the heart of the child, such love for the bleased Christchild, that in after years it develops devotion to the Christ-man; and this, after all, is the true Christmas lesson. folk," for make the children happy others follow suit; but in the presents, a long experience ms that little girls want he dozen, boys fireworks in the young girls something pretty to wear; their favorite br it is the spirit and not the gift which makes it acceptable.

MRS. STEPHEN PUTNEY.

Christmas Thoughts. (Written for the Dispatch, by request.) Only a few short hours must pass 'ere Christmas will be with us once more, bringing in its train mingled feelings of

bringing in its train mingled reemas of joy and sorrow.

There are few of us who have reached manhood or womanhood without missing some loved face from the fireside, some comrade dropped from the ranks—and, missing them with their glad smiles and loyous greetings, Christmas can never be just the same as it was of yore, but it is, shows all the season when happiness. above all, the season when happiness, if possible, should reign supreme; when all harsh and bitter feelings should be laid aside for the sake of the biessed Christ-child who came this day bringing "peace, good-will to men."
First of all, let the children be merry.

There is no time in one's whole life when he can be so perfectly, so carelessly happy as when he lies snugly tucked in his little bed, striving manfully to go to boiling water; mix them with a pint boiling water; mix them with a pint of syrup made with one pound of sugar, pint and a half cream, yelks of sugar, pint and a half cream, yelks of with mystic interest, and the little brain with mystic interest, and the little brain the property of the mysture over a slow is so busy over the golden possibilities of that even when reluctan slumber at last visits his tired eyelids "visions of sugar-plums dance through his head."

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To help the little ones to realize all these blissful dreams should be our dearest pleasure; then to care for the comfort and well-being of those in our own households, and last, but not least, to strive to bring a ray of sunshine into some life darkened by pain or shadowed by misfortune, remembering the words of the blessed Master: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." So we will go on our way, dropping here a kindly word-there a simple gift,

"Unto which is wrought The giver's loving thought," and when the season is past, we will find that we have been happy in a pure and

quiet way. SARAH LOWNDES PEPLE. SENT ON FOR FELONIOUS SHOOTING.

The Boarding-Bill Case Continued-Othe Police Court Matters.

The continued case of Temple Christian (colored), charged with shooting James Bagby, with intent to kill, was called in the Police Court yesterday, and pint of blanched chestnuts, half pint of bouillon; cook them in oven until the liquor is evapotated. Mash the nuts through a sleve; add one tablespoonful of butter, little salt, and half teacupful of c cam; serve hot. the accused was sent on to the grand Clinton Morgan (colored) was sent to the grand jury for having assaulted and beaten Ella Childrey. The offence was committed on the 11th, but was continued

until yesterday, on account of the condi-tion of the injured woman. Matthew Delaney, J. K. Delaney, and R. B. Grove, the three men who were charged with having "jumped" their board-bills in South Boston, were brought into court, where the additional charge of being suspicious characters was pre-ferred against them. Both cases were continued until the 29th, and the accused were committed to jail. Fred. Ford was the first person to suffer

Fred. Ford was the first person to suner from Major Poe's pop-cracker edict. He was arrested Friday night, but was re-leased in court.

Pembroke Woodson (colored) was charged with having assaulted and cut with a knife John Wever, and the case was continued until the 29th.

Gathered in the Big City Hall. The cases of James Hicks and Robert Jackson, charged with burglary, were tried in the Hustings Court yesterday. Hicks was given five years and Jackson five years and four months in the peni-

YANKEE SPY'S STRANGE STORY

He Was In Richmond Sixty-Two Times During the War-State and County Taxable Values.

PALEIGH, N. C., December 22 .- (Spe cial.)-Governor Carr to-day wrote following letter to Claude M. Bernard, Fusion nominee for solicitor of the Third District: "John E. Woodard having refused to accept the commission as Solicitor of the Third District, tendered him in con formity with the certificate of election sent me by the Secretary of State, for reasons which he has stated in a letter, and recognizing the fact that the people intended to elect you Solicitor, I hereby tender you the appointment to fill the vacancy."

A similar letter was sent Herbert F. Seawell, Fusion nominee for Solicitor of the Seventh District.

Their counsel to-day gave notice that either would accept the commiss to the positions for four years, and I for two years, which is all the time the Governor's commission would cover. BRIGADE OFFICERS.

Commissions were issued to-day to the following officers of the First Brigade of the State Guard: James C. Powell, assist-ant inspector; General S. L. Hart, commissary, and P. H. Cook, aide-de-camp. She was a daughter of Charles D. Up-church, for many years Superior Court church, for many years Superior Court clerk of this county, who is now living in Chicago. Her death was very sudden. J. L. A. Shea, who is here, a commer-cial traveller of Philadelphia, tells a Con-federate veteran in this city that he is tain R. H. Adams, adjutant; E. M. Ingles, quartermaster; W. W. Boswell, aergeantmajor; Charles G. Johnson, treasurer; Dr. J. W. Farmer, surgeon; Rev. J. Tyler Frazier, chaplain; Captain W. H. Kuhn, officer-of-the-day; McC. Ingles, vidette; E. W. Peck, color-zergeant; J. L. Pamplin, first color-guard; H. C. Barnett, second color-guard. Executive Committee—Willam Ingles, W. W. Boswell, E. F. Gill, George O. Bayeley, Dr. E. Johnson, G. the man who pursued and caught Lieu-tenant Walsh, of Texas, who was then hanged here by order of General Kil-patrick. Walsh had fired at Kilpatrick as the latter was riding into the city after it had been surendered. Shea says he was in Richmond as a spy no less (Written for the Dispatch by request.) than 62 times during the Petersburg 20 times, and that of 31 sples whom he knew only 3 escaped imprisonment or death.

INCREASED VALUES.

the holidays. As the boys are from Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, and Mississippi, they will enjoy The State Auditor's report will show \$1,209,392 increase of taxable property over 1893. The taxes aggregated \$1,308,994, which was \$36,904 less than for 1892. County taxes aggregated \$1,608,941, the yesterday.

The Clerk of the Montgomery County per capita being \$1.41. The average value of farming lands is \$1.15, and the average farms contains 127 acres. In Durham the average valuation is the highest, \$10.31, and in Dare the lowest, \$1.18. By Court has issued this year over one hun dred marriage licenses.

Mrs. A. P. Page, of Cambridgeport,
Mass., is visiting her father, Major James far the greater number of the counties have no debt. The pensions paid this year are \$105,132, an increase of \$5,518 Green.
The thieves who broke into W. R. Jorover 1893, and there are 4.886 pensioners, the increase being 36. During 1894 ten worth of goods. new building and loan associations have

The debt of this State is now \$3,322,800 The debt of this State is now \$3,322,800 in 4 per cent, bonds. The aggregate public indebtedness of the people, the principal of which or the interest on which taxes are collected to pay, is not over one-twenty-fifth of the aggregate value of the tax-paying property in the State. The State Auditor asserts that this State levies and collects for general purposes a lower rate of taxes than any other State. All expenses of government have been kept entirely within the appro-priations. There is a balance of \$308,000 in the State Treasury.

The holiday trade is quite up to the

average here, and the merchants are well

CRIMINAL STATISTICS The report on the State's criminal sta-tistics for 1893-'94 shows that there were tried in the courts 14,537 cases, of which 18,356 were of males, 1,273 of females, and 9 of corporations. Of the persons charged with crime 7,789 were white, and 6,712 colored; 26 Indians, 1 gypsy, and 1 Assyy to wear; father and brothers rian. There were 9.454 convictions, 2,550 acquittals; 2,437 cases were nolle prosectes, and mother something to make quied, and 36 were dismissed. Of the criminals 125 were charged with murder in the first degree, 49 in the second de-gree, 28 with manelaughter, 10 with criminal assault, 53 with assault with criminal intent, 11 with arson, 11 with burglary in the first and 15 in the second degree, 77 with forgery, 2,493 with larceny, and With lorgery, 2,000 with larcelly, and li,6il with other crimes and misdemeanors. Three were executed, 8 lynched, 68 escaped, and 10 were declared insane.

In 1891-792 there were 13,271 criminal actions, of which 7,658 were against whites

and 7,780 against colored. CHRISTMAS-TREE PRESENTS.

Festivities of the Season Opened at Wilson-Mr. Duval's Painful Injury. out to witness the distribution of the presents to the little ones by old Santa

Claus. Mr. J. A. Duvall sustained a very painful injury yestermy afternoon. He was riding a pony that was apparently gentle. Suddenly, however, the animal gave a spring and then a backward motion, which spring and then a backward motion, which threw Mr. Duvall violently forward to the ground. Fortunately, the place where he struck was sandy, or his neck might have been broken. As it was, his face struck the ground and runk deep into the sand. His nose came in contact with a chip, which split open the nostril and shattered the bridge of his nose. He was in violent pain until the wound was properly dressed.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

One of our young aldermen has wor the other night, the voting was for the ugliest man in town. Mr. Ernest Deans, one of our popular city aldermen, easily won the prize. Mr. Dean won without having announced himself as a candidate A most timely exercise was held yester-day evering at the graded school. It was the last day of school before the holidays. The children of each grade brought pres-ents for their teachers. The presents were arranged on the rostrum and distributed by Superintendent Connor. All the teach ers got from five to a dozen present given by their pupils.

BROKE THE MULE'S NECK.

New County Needed and a No Fen Law-A Good Christmas Trade. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Decembe 22.-(Special.)-Mr. John H. Baker lost a very valuable mule at Captain W. H. Kitchin's. While talking with Captain Kitchin his team took fright and ran They ran squarely against a tree and the by the General Assembly of Virwagon came against one of the mule with such force it broke its neck and

There will be a strong effort to induce the Legislature to make a new county out

THE



Mash and Edgecombe, with Rocky | PREPARED FOR HIM.

THE HOLIDAYS.

here for the holidays.

is fond of hunting

REMARKS FROM RADFORD.

Home for the Holidays.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson was in Radford

fan's store got about twenty dollars'

supersedeas.

made as good a showing.

News on Thursday from Providence Sandy Hook, made the voyage from

Old papers for sale at the Dispatch

Mount as the county seat of the new county.

It now looks as if there will be efforts made to have the Legislature pass a bill abolishing the no-fence law of this county. Large quantities of pork are brought here to market from Martin county. The Christmas trade is good, notwithstanding low prices. Mesers. M. Hoffman & Brother, perhaps the largest merchants in the county, said last night that their trade has never been better, except in SANTA CLAUS WILL TAKE A FLYING

de has never been better, except in There are now only ten prisoners in jail. Two are serving sentence, one is a lunatic, and the others are awaiting trial in February.
Mr. Frank Ballard, of Louisburg, was here yesterday, and says that tobacco in that section has made business very good. least, our storekeepers say so, and they have made large preparations for him in the time-honored pop-cracker and toot-

Mr. F. R. Pope, son of Mr. A. E. Pope, s home for the holidays. He is a memof the United States army, stationed relatives in Virginia, and to enjoy a season of duck-hunting. Mr. E. L. Travis is here, the guest of Mr. Claude Kitchen. He is hunting for a

The very thought of the Christ Child and His holy mission brings a few days,
Messrs, W. E. Hall and Isaac Smith,
students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, have come tender "good will"-the joyful brotherhood of "peace on earth"-toward each other that is manifest between rich and poor. Gladness, anyhow, is the first here for the holidays.

Mr. McVae, of Virginia, is here visiting
his sister, Mrs. R. T. Vann, He is enjoying the sports of the field with Mr. Vann, Item in a Christmas bill-of-fare. The gladness in the big cities, where the shop windows are brilliant with the luxuries of life, and Santa Claus, in Mr. J. Frank Brinkley, of Halifax, was palatial mansions, hangs the Christmas-trees with sugar doves and golden stars and tapers, need be no more a time of mirth than in the humble little log cabin on the mountain side, where the mother folds down a coarse, new Jacket for her Mr. Sam Hoffman has come home from Horner School, at Oxford, to spend the

RADFORD, VA., December 22 .- (Spe There will be divine service in each cial.)-The G. C. Wharton Camp of Conchurch Caristmas morning.

At the Afton chapel at night the Sunday-school scholars have a tree and other entertainment in characles, recitations, etc. At Mt. Ed. the other federate Veterans at its annual meeting elected the following officers for next year: General G. C. Wharton, commander; Joseph H. Chumbley, first lieutenant-commander; George O. Reveley, seviile, the ladies give an oyster suppecond lieutenant-commander; Judge George PERSONAL NOTES.

Colonel R. E. Qibley left yesterday to spend the holidays in Baltimore. Intelligence reaches here of the death in Ealtimore last night of Mr. Zoke Mills, father of Mrs. Tavener W. Goodlee. sis at his home, near Greenfield, Wednesday morning, and is critically III.
Mr. William M. Hall and family, of
Floyd avenue, Richmond, have moved
into the McCue homestead, two miles be-George O. Raveley, Dr. E. Johnson, G. C. Caldwell, and J. G. Crockett. Nearly all the students of St. Albans School have left for their homes to spend

HIGHEST COUNTY IN THE STATE.

Elevated Source-Other High Notes. MONTEREY, VA., December 22 .- (Special.)-Our county, though small in area and population, has some salient features | Danville railway, whi which must ever mark it as one of the peculiar characteristics in the make-up | document, cov of the Old Dominion.

worth of goods.
Nearly all the churches and Sunday schools will have their annual Christmastrees the night of December 24th.
The carpenter-shop of D. V. Sturdevan ighest county in the State, its elevation being more than 3,000 feet above the sea was robbed of a number of the nights ago by a tramp-carpenter who applied to him for work and who was applied to him for group robbed his filtered and made pure by the moun tops.
Six miles west of here is a spring, in-

significant in volume, but cool and spark-ling, and the writer has often stopped to slake his thirst, and he challenges the world to "set up" a better drink. been arrested yet.

Judge G. E. Cassel has rendered his decision in the case of the Bristo Iron and Steel Company, asking for the removal of the receiver, C. B. Shoemaker, Philadelphia. The motion was not spring marks the source of the majes James now sweeping past their city, a if your sportsmen imagins they have se ed a suspension of sentence for sixty days in the case of A. F. Porterfield, condays in the case of A. P. Porteness, con-victed of breaking into Richardson's bar-room and stealing \$200. The jury gave him two years and six months in the penitentiary, but his attorneys have appealed to the Court of Appeals for a writ of entiary, but his attorneys have appealed to the Court of Appeals for a writ of upersedeas.

The street-car line, which has been in operation about six months, has done a prepaid business. The line is a straight

The street-car line, which has done a operation about six months, has done a splendid business. The line is a straight track for two and one half miles, and has but one car, but in the six months it has carried about 100,000 passengers. This Another feature, interesting if not re-markable, is that Highland forms the seems a large number, but the register "divide" between the shows that number of fares "rung up."
There is not a car in the State that has, within a stone's cast fact, your correspondent knows of a barn across the comb of which the pattering raindrops bid a last farewell—those on the The schooner Jennie F. Butler, Captain one side going to swell the Potomac those on the other go to the James H. W. Butler, which arrived at Newport With us summer is a pleasure and win ok, made the voyage from the farm, unmolested by tramps and mosqui was ever made before by a sailing ves-

A NEW MILL.

question naturally arises as to this new departure will have a v. But few farmers rules in bread them

TRIP TO THE BLUE RIDGE. The Boy in the Humble Little Log Cabin Not Forgotten-Services and Other

Christmas Features. AFTON, VA., December 22.-We have one blessing (?) in common with our more fortunate city cousins. Santa Claus nows where the Blue Ridge lies. At

No other Christmas for a long time has witnessed more to be thankful for, and we are going to keep this one right royally up here in the clouds,

boy's Christmas gift, and strands of pop-corn and a stick of "store-candy fill the home-knit stocking. Wharton Camp Electa Officers-Students

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mrs. John Hays at "Chestnut Ridge," and Thursday night a party by Mrs. Giles Martin at "Tip-Top."

Why James-River Water Is So Good-Its

Highland, as the name implies, is the

Mr. J. W. Hevener is erecting a larg

ty. But few farmers raise smills to bread them, and Highland a sands of dollars annually to a fiving that for breadstaffs. The two other roller-mills in the conceiler of them has the capacity of the sand of the guaranteeing to Mr. Hevener a daily put of thirty barrels.

Mr. Homer M. Sites, of P. Augusta county, and Miss Lole of Way Cross, were married Christmas brings "g Miss Josephine Stepher Miss Baldwin's Seminar

vatched with constierable i

Rev. R. M. Latimer of Contra

THE A. & D. R. R. RECORDER

EMPORIA. missioners to B. Newgas

First of the Winter Danes

1794. Christmas commenced here last evening by a Christmas-tree entertainment in the Presbyterian church. A large crowd was

Incorporated 22d December, 1794. CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY 22d DECEMBER, 1894.

The Oldest and Strongest Fire Insurance Company in the South. This Society was founded by some of the ablest and best men of the last century, such as Chief Justice Marshall, Judge Bushrod Washington, Dr. Wm. Foushee, Edmund Randolph, Jaquelin Ambler and others, upon

a basis entirely different from other Insurance Companies, being, as the old Directors declared, "A Humane, Be-

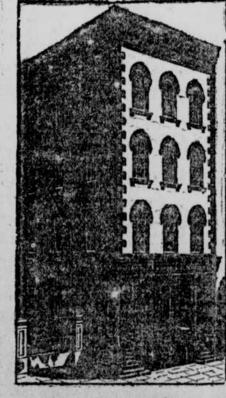
nevolent and Charitable Institution," designed to furnish all its members rates of Insurance at cost, and declarate a dividends, but accumulating such a Reserve Fund as to reinsure all the insured and to meet all losses, however large. During its long career the Soexpected, many vicissitudes in charged all its liabilities and now larger than at any time in its his-

war between the States, the old many other companies, but paid during the war, amounting to furnishing, under its Perpetual at any time in its history. 1794, sets forth that "from the by the ravages of fire, it is admode to alleviate the calamities fer from that destructive element, Richmond, having suggested and the General Assembly a plan of conceived, will fully answer the BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED,

to be called and known by the

F. D. STEGER, Secretary.

\$3.000,000 in round numbers. The officers of the Society are.



ciety has undergone, as might be war and peace, but yet has dishas a Reserve Fund many times tory. At the close of the late Society was not wrecked, like all ACCIDENTAL losses sustained more than \$150,000, and is now Rates, far cheaper insurance than

The act of Incorporation passed ginia on the 22d of December, great and frequent losses sustained vised expedient to adopt some of the unfortunate, who may sufand William F. Ast, of the city of submitted to the consideration of Mutual Assurance, which, it is above purposes.

That an Assurance be established name of 'The Mutual Assurance

Society against Fire on Buildings of the State of Virginia,' the principles whereof shall be 'that the citizens Of THIS STATE may insure their buildings against the losses and damages occasioned accidentally by fire, and that the insured pay the losses and expenses, each his share, according to the sum insured."

Mr. Ast was a Prussian, and is said to have proposed this scheme upon one established in Prussia by Fred-The whole losses paid by this old Society to the people of Virginia, up to the present time, amount to

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HERBERT A. CLAIBORNE, President. THOMAS BOLLING, Jr., Ass't Secretary. JOHN BLAIR, Collector.

July. The dead is a

1894.